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H.B. No. 72

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to priority status for the admission of certain veterans
3 to workforce development programs.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 302, Labor Code, is
6 amended by adding Section 302.010 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 302.010. PRIORITY STATUS FOR CERTAIN VETERANS. (a) In
8 accepting an applicant for job training and employment services,
9 the commission and any other provider of services shall grant
10 priority for admission to the services to a veteran who satisfies
11 the requirements of this section.

12 (b) To receive priority under this section, the veteran must
13 meet the eligibility criteria and qualifications for the specific
14 program and apply to the commission or services provider, as
15 appropriate, for priority status. The application must include
16 information or be accompanied by documentation that satisfies the
17 commission or provider that the applying veteran served:

18 (1) on active duty and was discharged or released from
19 active duty with an honorable discharge or because of an
20 established service-connected disability; or

21 (2) as a member of a reserve component on active duty
22 during a war or in a campaign or expedition for which a campaign
23 badge or ribbon is authorized and was discharged or released from
24 the duty with an honorable discharge.

1 (c) The commission shall adopt rules and prescribe forms as
2 necessary to administer this section.

3 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
4 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
5 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
6 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
7 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.